

Richardson-Millner Collection

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Title: Richardson-Millner Collection

Accession No.: 95-033

Extent: 6 boxes

Provenance: Found in a house at 312 S. Main St. beside First Presbyterian Church in Reidsville, NC known as the Richardson-Millner house, built in 1890. Probably donated by Estes Millner, or someone caring for him, before he passed away in 1997 at age 93.

Inclusive Dates: 1885-1937

Subject Headings: Boyd, Andrew Jackson, 1836-1893
Boyd, Bess
Daniel, Alves W.
Daniel, Jane Ziller Watt
Dibrell, Mary Boyd
Humphries, Charles
Lea, James Kerr, 1809-1872
Millner, Alves Daniel
Millner, Annie
Millner, James Estes, 1904-1997
Millner, James Williamson
Millner, Margaret, 1879-1965
Millner, Mary Jane Daniel
Millner, Mollie Daniel
Millner, Wallace, 1876-1950
Millner, William Price
Millner, Willie Matt
Millner family – Genealogy
Motley, A. H. & Co.
Old North State Tobacco Factory

Price, Fannie Watt, d. 1884
Price, Sue
Richardson, A.
Richardson, Callie
Richardson, Carrie
Richardson, James
Richardson, Margaret Payne see Millner, Margaret, 1879-1965
Richardson, Robert Payne, Jr., 1855-1922
Richardson, Susie E., 1877-1952
Richardson, Tallulah Lea, 1851-1909
Richardson, Triplett Estes, 1851-1926
Rockingham County (N. C.) – Genealogy
R. P. Richardson, Jr. & Co.
Salem Academy
Sergeant, Stephen
Sloan, James
Tobacco industry – Reidsville (N. C.)
Tobacco industry – Rockingham County (N. C.)
Ware, Ann Payne
Watt, James
Watt, Mary Blackwell

Related Collections:

R. P. Richardson Collection 80-010
Watlington Family Papers 84-040

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Descriptive Note:

Collection of letters, photos, business papers and receipts relating to the Richardson, Millner and Watt families.

Family Information:

Triplett “Trip” Estes Richardson was born in 1851 in Christian County, KY. He married Tallulah A. Lea of Caswell County, NC. They had 2 daughters, Susie E. Richardson and Margaret “Madge” Richardson. Trip was a tobacco salesman for A. H. Motley & Co. in Reidsville, NC and he travelled extensively, spending a large amount of time in Mississippi and other states.

In 1890, Trip and Tallulah began construction of a large Victorian style home at 312 S. Main Street in Reidsville. The house was designed by architects Epps & Hackett, who also designed several of the buildings at Duke University in

Durham. Construction was completed in 1891 and furnishings were purchased from Tom Terry & Co. of Reidsville. A new piano was purchased from M. B. Ramos & Co. of Richmond, VA.

Susie and Madge both attended Salem Academy in Winston-Salem, NC, returning home often for holidays and social events. In 1900, Susie married James Sloan of Winston-Salem, where they resided. Susie was employed by her alma mater, Salem Academy and James was a bookkeeper in a tobacco factory. Three years later, in 1903, Madge married Wallace Millner and the couple moved in with Millner's parents until acquiring their own home in Reidsville.

Wallace and Madge had 3 children, James Estes Millner who went by his middle name, Wallace B. Millner, Jr., and Margaret L. Millner. The Millner family moved into the Richardson home with Trip and Tallulah at 312 S. Main Street in 1908. Soon after, in 1909, Tallulah passed away. Trip continued to live in the house with his daughter's family until he passed away in 1926.

Wallace Millner, Sr. passed away in 1950. Madge continued to live in the home with her oldest son, Estes, until she passed away in 1965. Estes then lived in the house until he passed away in 1997. At that time the house passed out of the Richardson-Millner family.

Contents:

Box 1:

1 Bible

7 folders - family information – Richardson, Busick, Withers, Millner, Gunn

Ledger. R. P. Richardson Tobacco Company, 1903-1915
Government tax record

4 small notebooks, T. E. Richardson

Smoking tobacco. Small bags of R. P. Richardson's original, c.1910 (6 bags)

Empty brass frame (1)

Photographs in Box 1:

A. Richardson – framed photo

Tallulah Ann Lea Richardson – photo on glass (extremely fragile)

James Richardson, brother of R. P. Richardson – cased photo

Stephen Sergeant and Ann Payne Ware (Ann's 1st husband was James Richardson, Jr.) – framed photo

James Kerr Lea – cased photo

Mary Blackwell Watt and James Watt - framed silhouettes

James Watt – cased photo

10 tintype photos - unidentified

1 glass photo

Box 2:

Correspondence, approximately 1,100 letters and telegrams as follows:

T. E. Richardson (approximately 400)

Mrs. T. E. Richardson (approximately 250)

Callie Richardson (approximately 80)

Susie E. Richardson (11 items)

Margaret "Madge" Richardson Millner (approximately 160)

Wallace B. Millner (approximately 160)

Box 3:

3 scrapbooks, Margaret "Madge" Richardson, compiled while a student at Salem Academy in Winston

1 school notebook, Susie Richardson, 1896-1897

1 paperback book, *Phantom Rickshaw* by Kipling, Susie Richardson

2 sleeves miscellaneous items including Salem Academy memorabilia. 1 bundle of news clippings, deeds, order books and other assorted papers covering the period 1897-1937

Additional miscellaneous correspondence

Box 4:

Miscellaneous tobacco receipts, other receipts and business papers related to the Richardson and Millner families

Box 5:

Photographs:

Boyd Family

Bess Boyd – Mary Boyd Dibrell’s cousin (3 photos)

Mary Boyd Dibrell – Madge Richardson’s cousin (2 photos)

Mary Boyd Dibrell – large wedding photo

Mary Boyd and Bess Boyd (?)

2 women and 1 man (unidentified)

Group photo, 2 adults and 5 children – Boyd family

A. J. Boyd family, c.1895 - Pictured: Sal, George, Sam, Mary, Belle (Isabella), John, Andrew J., Rob, Bess, Margaret – Noted on photo: Sallie Richardson was mother of George, Sam and Mary. Her sister, Belle, was mother of the remaining 5 children

Daniel Family

Alves W. Daniel - W. B. Millner's grandfather (2 photos)

Alves Daniel Millner "Uncle Buddy"

Jane Ziller Watt Daniel wife of Alves Daniel – W. B. Millner's grandmother

Humphries Family

Charles Humphries "For Mrs. T. E. Richardson from C. Humphries, daughter and granddaughter taken June 18, 1904" (Humphries pictured in Confederate uniform with his daughter and granddaughter)

Charles Humphries "T E from C H June 18, 1904" (Humphries pictured in Confederate uniform)

Charles Humphries "Mrs. Trip E Richardson from her true friend Charles Humphries April 10th 1902, taken February 14, 1902"

Lea Family

James Kerr Lea – Father of Tallulah Richardson

Mrs. W. D. Lea

Salem College

Class of 1897 photo with students and faculty identified on reverse

Sloan Family

James Sloan

James Sloan, 1907 "Was married to Susie Richardson"

Susie Richardson, 1902 "An automobile party in Winter Haven Florida"

Unidentified Sloan woman

“Home” Susie E. Richardson Sloan, 1905 (3 copies of home at 636 Holly Avenue in Winston-Salem, NC)

3 photos of woman in cemetery – on reverse “NY Jan 31 1900
Jas. Sloan

Watt Family

Fannie Watt Price & daughter Sue – Daughter of James Watt,
sister of Jane Ziller Watt Daniel

Miscellaneous

Home Moravian Church, Salem, NC, 1899

Old North State Tobacco Factory (R. P. Richardson, Jr., & Co.,
Reidsville, NC) following 1917 fire

Old North State Tobacco Factory (R. P. Richardson, Jr., & Co.,
Reidsville, NC) postcard

Night view of downtown Memphis, TN featuring large lighted
Old North State Tobacco billboard on a rooftop

Cases of Nu-Shine shoe polish (one of the business interests of
R. P. Richardson, III) being loaded onto a train car

Box 6:

Photographs:

Miscellaneous

Alice Teules & Jennie Patterson

Emma Bird, Jacksonville, FL

Helen Graves, “Aunt Lucy’s step daughter”

Percy Norman Lyle, 1911 “Presented to Uncle Trip,”

W. S. "Wash" Price

Margaret L. Cotton

May Plummer

Henry A. Busick, Brandon, MS

Stephen Trice, Will Trice, John Waller

Jane Trice Richardson, Will Trice, Stephen Trice

Jane Richardson

Richardson Family

Carrie Richardson "Your affectionate Aunt Carrie, to Susie & Madge, Uncle Frank"

Tallulah Ann Lea Richardson, 1878 – wife of Triplett E. Richardson, mother of Madge & Susie Richardson

Tallulah Ann Lea Richardson, 1893 – "To Madge from Mamma"

Tallulah Ann Lea Richardson – "Mother at Morehead City"

Triplett Estes Richardson – husband of Tallulah

Wallace Millner and Madge Richardson, 1899

Susie & Madge Richardson

Reidsville Seminary, class picture, no date – Susie and Madge Richardson pictured

J. W. Richardson and wife

James Richardson, III – print of engraving

Susie Richardson with group of friends with tennis rackets, 1897

William Benjamin Richardson, Sr.

Robert P. Richardson – brother of W. B and T. E. Richardson

Susie E. Richardson, 1897

Alice Scales, Mattie Scales, S. Richardson, Will Rousseau,
Statesville, NC, 1897

Earnestine Richardson, aged 9 months, 1893

Waller Pendleton Richardson, Hopkinsville, KY

W. B. Richardson, Jr.

James Richardson Williams – “For Sister Callie”

“To Uncle Trip from Mary, Maud and Mamie”

Jennie Richardson

John Richardson – Madge’s first cousin

S. Richardson (2)

Susie Richardson, 1907

Susie E. Richardson

Agnes Payne Ware Richardson Sergeant

Edmund Richardson, 1876

Millner Family

James Williamson Millner – father of Wallace B. Millner, in
Confederate uniform (2 photos)

James Williamson Millner – father of Wallace B. Millner (4
photos)

Mary Jane Daniel Millner – wife of James W. Millner – mother
of Lucy, Alves, Hattie, Jennie, Annie, James, Wallace, Mary &
Willie Matt (2 photos)

James Estes Millner, age 3 months

James Estes Millner – 1922 high school photo

James Estes Millner – 1939 (2 photos)

Willie Matt Millner – brother of Wallace B. Millner

Mollie Daniel Millner

William Price Millner

Margaret Millner – wife of James W. Millner's brother

Annie Millner – Wallace Millner's sister

Willie Matt, Jenny and Margaret Millner

Remains of Photo Album (Box 6)

Lawson Stanfield, Leesburg, NC

"Mrs. Richardson," Hopkinsville, KY

E. P. Ordneal, Jackson MS

Jennie Dickinson Bronaugh, 1853-1929, Trenton, KY

Rev. S. Dicken, Pembroke, KY

Maria L. Baker, "one of Auntie's teachers at Bethel Female College"

Miss Anna Nesbit, "another teacher at Bethel Female College"

Susie Wharton, Cadiz, KY

James Richardson, brother of Edmund, Robert P. and William W.

Agnes Ware, daughter of William Ware

Jim Glass, Brandon, MS

Blanche Fulks, Jackson, MS

James Josiah Richardson, son of W. H. & Margaret Ann
Richardson, Mayfield, KY

Bettie Hudson, Clarksville, KY

Tom Dave Jameson, son of R. C. Jameson

James S. and William P. Richardson, sons of Col. Edmund
Richardson (pictured in Confederate uniforms)

Salem College

12 photos of students at Salem College, likely one or both of
the Richardson girls and friends dated 1897-1899

Unidentified

28 photos